

## **Hoquiam Car Chase Ends on Foot in Aberdeen**

### **Local News**

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HOQUIAM, Wash. - A high speed chase through Hoquiam ended Sunday when citizen reports led officers to a 23 year old Hoquiam man walking along Morgan street. Hoquiam Sgt. Brian Dayton said when he attempted to pull the suspect over for minor violations, the man sped down the port industrial route just before 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Ten minutes later officers located his abandoned vehicle near Home Depot in Aberdeen. The man was taken into custody on Morgan street about 5 minutes after that. Dayton thanked the quick and accurate citizen reports to E911 that led officers to the man, who added felony eluding to his charges and Dayton said was known to law enforcement officers. ***Captain John Green with the Aberdeen Police Department submitted the following report from their side of this pursuit.*** On 1/27/13 at about 3:22 P.M. Aberdeen Police Officers were advised that an Officer from Hoquiam PD was in pursuit of a red car which eventually turned out to be a 1996 Honda Accord. Officers were told that the vehicle was Eastbound on Simpson Ave heading into Aberdeen. The male suspect drove at a high speed and ran through numerous traffic control devices. The Aberdeen Police Department attempted to set up and deploy spike strips at numerous locations within the city. The suspect would turn in a different direction to avoid the spike strips. Officers stayed in the area in an attempt to support the Hoquiam officer who was in pursuit of the red Honda. The actions of the Aberdeen Officers was continually monitored and directed by an Aberdeen Police supervisor. The pursuit was long and ran from the West end to the East of town with the suspect driving in a alleged reckless manner.

In the area of Sam Benn Park officers were finally able to obtain the license plate of the car. Officers were told that the car was not reported stolen. On 1/28/13 officers were informed by HPD that the car was eventually reported stolen and had been a unsigned stolen during the pursuit. At one point the suspect drove through the grass at Sam Benn Park. At that time an Aberdeen Police Officer became the primary police vehicle pursuing the red Honda. The pursuit continued through the area of 9th and J street, with the suspect heading Westbound on 8th and then onto 6th. At Scammel and Simpson the suspect turned Westbound onto Simpson, going against the flow of traffic. Aberdeen officers did not follow the suspect onto Simpson due to the extreme danger to the public. The suspect then turned SB onto Maple. The red Honda was found abandoned on the East side of the Renal Care Clinic on Industrial Parkway. Officer responded to the area with some going out on foot. With the assistance of the public the suspect was seen on foot on Rice street, near Morgan. Aberdeen Officers located the suspect and arrested him without incident on the West side of the house at 2013 Morgan. Officers were able to confirm that this suspect was the same person who was driving the red Honda. The suspect was turned over to Hoquiam PD as was the suspect vehicle.